CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Ghost Shark
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1400877.000
Medium:	DVD
Distributor:	Revolution Entertainment Ltd
Director:	G. E. Furst
FVLB Applicant:	Revolution Entertainment Ltd
Producer:	Ken Badish Daniel Lewis
Country of origin:	United States
Language:	English
Applicant:	Film & Video Labelling Body
Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
Excisions:	No excisions recommended
Descriptive note:	Contains violence and horror.
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	30 October 2014
Date of direction to issue a label:	30 October 2014
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Play Film Chapters Trailers Setup	
Feature(s):	Ghost Shark	83:30
Timed component(s):	American Muscle Dragons Of Camelot Imaginaerum Way Of The Wicked Jamesy Boy Hellion Notices	2:08 1:34 2:18 2:14 1:39 2:09 0:10
Untimed component(s):	Notices	
Total running time:		95:42

Summary of reasons for decision:

The DVD contains a B-grade, shark-themed horror feature and six trailers. The strongest content on the DVD is the trailer for the feature "American Muscle". The sex and violence in that trailer is of particularly high impact, and would be very disturbing for children and young persons who lack the experience, maturity and comprehension skills to understand them in the context of an extreme film reminiscent of exploitation cinema.

Without the "American Muscle" trailer the feature would be suitable for a wider audience of teenagers and adults, and restriction to persons who have attained the age of 13 years would be sufficient to limit the injury to the public good arising from the horror and violence in the feature. With the trailer included, the DVD is classified as objectionable except if its availability is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years. A restriction to adults is a considerable limitation on the right to freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but the trailer is of sufficient impact to justify that. The Classification has been advised that the distributor is unable to make excisions in order for the film to receive a lower classification. The descriptive note given to the DVD reflects the strongest content of the feature only.